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【課題】 室温から高温まで引張強度が大きい無機繊維 を提供すること。

【解決手段】 Ln(Lnは少なくとも一種の希土類金属元素)、A(AはA1、Cr、Fe及びGaからる群から選択される少なくとも一種の元素)及び〇から構成される溶融液を回転ロールに接触させて冷却し、細線状に凝固させて製造されるLn、A、及び〇から構成される機維を700~1700℃で加熱することにより製造される、結晶質のLn3 A5 〇12相、結晶質のLnA〇3 相及び結晶質のA2 〇3 相からなる群から選択される少なくとも二種の結晶質相から構成される高耐熱性無機繊維。

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(57) [Abstract]

[Problem] Offer inorganic fiber where tensile strength is large rom room temperature to high temperature.

[Means of Solution] Ln (As for Ln rare earth metal element of at least one kind), Contacting roll, it cools molten liquid which is formed from theA (As for A from Al, Cr, Fe & it Ga selected from thegroup element of at least one kind which) and O, solidification doing in fine line, high heat resistance inorganic fiber which is formed from crystalline phaseof at least two kinds which is selected from group which is produced byheating fiber which is formed from Ln, A, and O which are produced with 700 to 1700 °C, consists of crystalline Ln3 As O12phase, crystalline L nA O3 phase and crystalline A2 O3 phase.

#### 【特許請求の範囲】|

【請求項1】 Ln(Lnは少なくとも一種の希土類金属元素)、A(AはAI、Cr、Fe及びGaからなる群から選択される少なくとも一種の元素)及びOから構成される溶融液を回転ロールに接触させて冷却し、細線状に凝固させて製造されるLn、A、及びOから構成される繊維を<math>700~1700で加熱することにより製造される、結晶質の $Ln_3$   $A_5$   $O_{12}$ 相、結晶質の $Ln_4$   $O_3$  相及び結晶質の $A_2$   $O_3$  相からなる群から選択される少なくとも二種の結晶質相から構成される高耐熱性無機繊維。

【請求項2】 AがAI及び/又はCrである請求項1 記載の高耐熱性無機繊維。

【請求項3】 各々の結晶質相が繊維中に均一に分散して存在し、かつその粒子径が揃っていることを特徴とする請求項1又は2記載の高耐熱性無機繊維。

【請求項4】 希土類金属元素が、Er, Yb, Dy, Y, Gd, La, Sm, Ce, Pr, Nd, Eu, Tb, Ho, Tm及びLuからなる群から選択される少なくとも一種の元素であることを特徴とする請求項1~3に記載の高耐熱性無機繊維。

【請求項5】 希土類金属元素が、Er, Yb及びDyからなる群から選択される少なくとも一種の元素であることを特徴とする請求項4に配載の高耐熱性無機繊維。

#### 【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、断熱材、フィルタ 材またはプラスチック、金属、セラミックス、コンクリ 一ト等の強化材等その他広範な用途に使用される無機繊 雑に関するものである。

[0002]

【従来の技術】金属の弾性率及び高温強度の改善、セラミックスの靱性の改善等を目的として、 $A \mid_2 O_3$  系、 $S \mid C$  系等の連続繊維をその強化材として適用するための研究開発が活発に行われている。 $A \mid_2 O_3$  系繊維は、高温における耐酸化性が良好なことや溶融金属に対して比較的安定であることなどから、上配用途への適用が期待されている。しかしながら、 $A \mid_2 O_3$  系繊維は、

### [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Ln (As for Ln rare earth metal element of at least o ne kind), Contacting roll, it cools molten liquid which is formed from theA (As for A is selected from group which consists of theAl, Cr, Fe and Ga element of at least one kind which) and O, solidification doing in fine line, high heat resistance inorganic fiber which is formed from crystalline phaseof at least two kinds which is selected from group which is produced byheating fiber which is formed from Ln, A, and O which are produced with 700 to 1700 °C, consists of crystalline Ln3 As O12phase, crystalline L nA O3 phase and crystalline A2 O3 phase.

[Claim 2] High heat resistance inorganic fiber which is stated n Claim 1 where A is Al and/or Cr.

[Claim 3] Each crystalline phase dispersing to uniform in fiber it exists, high heat resistance inorganic fiber which is stated in Claim 1 or 2 which designates that at same timethe particle diameter has been even as feature.

[Claim 4] Rare earth metal element, high heat resistance inorg anic fiber which is stated in Claim 1 to 3 which designates that it is a element of at least one kind which is selected from group which consists of Er, Yb, Dy, Y, Gd, La, Sm, Ce, Pr, Nd, Eu, Tb, Ho, T1 and Lu as feature.

[Claim 5] Rare earth metal element, high heat resistance inorg anic fiber which is stated in Claim 4 which designates that it is element of at least one kind which is selected from group which consists of Er, Yb and Dy as feature.

[Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Technological Field of Invention] This invention, is in addition something such as insulation regarding inorganic fiberwhich is used for broad application, filter or plastic, metal, ceramic and concrete or other reinforcement.

[0002]

[Prior Art] With modulus of metal and improvement of high te mperature strength and theimprovement etc of toughness of ceramic as object, Al2O3 system, the research and development in order to apply SiC or other continuous fiber as reinforcement is doneactively. As for Al2O3 fiber, fact that etc it is a stability relatively from fact that oxidation resistance in high temperature is satisfactory and vis-a-vis molten metal, 例えば1200  $^{\circ}$ 以上の温度においてその強度が低下するなど、セラミックス強化用としては耐熱性が十分に高くない。したがって、高温における耐酸化性が良好な酸化物であって、 $A+\frac{1}{2}O_3$  系繊維以上の高耐熱性を有する繊維の開発が待たれている。

【〇〇〇3】米国特許第5、605、870号には、1 Opoises以下の粘度を有する溶融液より製造されるセラミックファイバーが開示されている。この繊維は、それ自体公知のいわゆる melt extraction法により製造され、非晶質相及び/又は結晶相から構成されている。しかし、クレーム1の記載によると、「結晶粒径がlinearmatt surfaced line より放射線状に増加する」との限定があり、本発明による各々の結晶質相が繊維中に均一に分散して存在し、かつその粒子径が揃っている無機繊維とは異なるものである。

#### [0004]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】上記のような現状を鑑みて、本発明者らは、室温においても高温においても高温においても高温においても高温においても高温においても高温においても高温においても高温においてもの意理を得るべく鋭き研究を重ね、本発明に記す新規な無機を見出した。すなわち、Ln(Lndvx くとも一種の希土類金属元素)、A(AAI,Cr,Feax) の希土類金属元素)、A(AAI,Cr,Feax) の希土類金属元素)、A(AAI,Cr,Feax) のからなる群から選択される少なくとも一種の元素 ひのから構成される溶融液を回転ロールに接触させて 製造される Ln 、A 、 及びも 記載で の Ln の A を で の A の A を の A の A を る の A の A を る の A の A の A を る の A の A を る の A の A を

【0005】本発明の目的は、室温から高温までの引張強度が大きく、断熱材、フィルタ材またはプラスチック、金属、セラミックス、コンクリート等の強化材等その他広範な用途に好適に使用することができる無機繊維を提供することにある。

### [0006]

【課題を解決するための手段】以下、本発明について詳細に説明する。本発明は、結晶質の $L_{n3}$   $A_5$   $O_{12}$ 相( $L_{n4}$   $L_{n5}$   $L_{n5$ 

application to above-mentioned application isexpected. But, strength heat resistance is not high in fully it decreases suchas, as ceramic reinforcement as for Al2O3 fiber, in temperature of for example 1200 °C or higher. Therefore, being a oxide where oxidation resistance in high temperature is satisfactory, development of fiber which possesses high heat resistance abov Al2O3 fiber is expected.

[0003] In U. S. Patent No. 5,605,870 number, ceramic fiber which is produced is disclosed from themolten liquid which possess viscosity of 10 poises or less. This fiber is produced by so-called melt extraction method of that itself public knowledge, isconstituted from amorphous phase and/or crystal phase. But, according to statement of claim 1, "crystal grain diameter from linear matt surface dl ine increases in radiating wires" wit there is limitation, each crystalline phase which is by this invention dispersing to uniformin fiber, it exists, inorganic fiber where at same time particle diameterhas been even is something which differs.

### [0004]

[Problems to be Solved by the Invention] As description above considering present state, in order that these inventorshas high strength regarding room temperature, and regarding high temperature obtains theoxide fiber where oxidation resistance ir high temperature is satisfactory, diligent research wasrepeated, novel inorganic fiber which is inscribed to this invention was discovered. namely, Ln (As for Ln rare earth metal element of at least one kind), Contacting roll, it cools molten liquid which is formed from the A (As for A is selected from group which consists of the Al, Cr, Fe and Ga element of at least one kind which) and O, solidification doing in fine line, it is produced Ln, inorganic fiber which is formed from crystalline phase of at least two kinds which isselected from group which is produced heating fiber beingformed from A, and O with 700 to 1700 °C, consists of crystalline Ln3 A5 O12 phase, crystalline L nA O3

high strength regarding room temperature and regarding high temperature.

[0005] As for objective of this invention, tensile strength to hig h temperature is large from the room temperature, it is in addition such as insulation to offer inorganic fiber whichcan be used for ideal in broad application, filter or plastic, metal, ceramic and concrete or other reinforcement.

### [0006]

[Means to Solve the Problems] You explain in detail below, cor cerning this invention. this invention crystalline Ln3 A5 O12 phase (As for Ln rare earth metal element of at least one kind, as for A is selectedfrom group which consists of Al, Cr,

一種の元素)、結晶質のLnAO3 相及び結晶質のA2 O3 相からなる群から選択される少なくとも二種の結晶 質相から構成され、室温から1200℃の温度範囲で高 い強度を有する無機繊維に関する。

【0007】この無機繊維は、Ln(Lnは少なくとも一種の希土類金属元素)、A(AはAI、Cr、Fe及びGaからなる群から選択される少なくとも一種の元素)及びOから構成される溶融液を回転ロールに接触させて冷却し、細線状に凝固させて製造されるLn、A、及びOから構成される繊維を700~1700℃で加熱することにより製造されるものである。ここで、「結晶費」とは、透過電子顕微鏡観察によって結晶格子像を確認することができる相の原子構造を意味する。

#### [0008]

【発明の実施の形態】本発明におけるLnとしては、E r、Yb、Dy、Y、Gd、La、Sm、Ce、Pr、 Nd、Eu、Tb、Ho、Tm及びLuからなる群から 選択される少なくとも一種の希土類金属元素が挙げられ 、特に、Er、Yb、Dyは得られる無機繊維の強度が 高くなるので好ましい。

【0009】Aとしては、AI, Cr, Fe及びGaからなる群から選択される少なくとも一種の元素が挙げられ、特に、AがAI及び/又はCrの場合は得られる無機繊維の高温強度が高くなるので好ましい。

【0010】本発明の無機繊維におけるAの割合は、A203換算で10~90モル%の範囲にあることが好ましい。本発明の無機繊維は、 $Ln_3A_5O_{12}$ 、 $LnAO_3$ 、 $A_2O_3$ で表わされる結晶相の群から選ばれる少なくとも二種の結晶相(例えば $A_2O_3$ でもAが異なれば異なる結晶相)で構成される実質的に結晶質相のみよりなるものであるが、結晶粒界には非晶質相が存在し得る。また、本発明の無機繊維の形状は、特に限定されないが、円形又は円形に近い断面を有することが好ましい。本発明の無機繊維は連続繊維としても短繊維としても使用できる。無機繊維の横断面の寸法は、断面形状にもより一概ではないが、 $3~50\mu$ mの直径を有するものがより好ましい。

【0011】本発明の無機繊維の室温、好ましくはさらに1200℃における引張強度は、1.5GPa 以上、好

Fe and Ga element of the at least one kind which), is formed from crystalline phase of at least two kinds which is selected from group which consists of crystalline L nA O3 phase and crystalline A2 O3 phase regards inorganic fiber which from room temperature possesses high strengthwith temperature range of 1200 °C:

[0007] It is something which is produced by heating fiber which is formedfrom Ln, A, and O where this inorganic fiber, the Ln (As for Ln rare earth metal element of at least one kind), contacting roll, cools molten liquid which is formedfrom A (As for A is selected from group which consists of the Al, Cr, Fe and Ga element of at least one kind which) and O, solidification does in fine line and produced with 700 to 1700 °C. Here, "crystalline" with, atom construction of phase which can verify crystal lattice imageby transmission electron microscope observation is meant.

### [8000]

[Embodiment of Invention] Be able to list rare earth metal elem ent of at least one kind which is selected from the group which consists of Er, Yb, Dy, Y, Gd, La, Sm, Ce, Pr, Nd, Eu, Tb, Ho, Tm anc Lu as Ln in the this invention, because especially, as for Er, Yb, Dy strength of inorganic fiberwhich is acquired becomes high, i is desirable.

[0009] As A, be able to list element of at least one kind which is selectedfrom group which consists of Al, Cr, Fe and Ga, whenespecially, A is Al and/or Cr, because high temperature strength of inorganic fiberwhich is acquired becomes high it is desirable.

[0010] As for ratio of A in inorganic fiber of this invention, it is s desirable with A2 O3 conversion to be range of 10 to 90 mole%. inorganic fiber of this invention is constituted is something which consists of only crystalline phase substantially with crystal phase (If A differs even in for example A2 O3, it differs crystal phase ) of at least two kinds which is chosen from group of crystal phase which is displayed with Ln3 A5 O12,L nA O<sub>3</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> O<sub>3</sub>, but amorphous phase can exist in crystal grain boundary. In addition, shape of inorganic fiber of this invention is not limitedespecially. It is desirable to possess cros section which is close to round orthe round. As continuous fiber also as short fiber you can use inorganic fiber of this invention. dimension of cross-section of inorganic fiber is not more one approximation evenin cross section shape. Those which possess diameter of 3 to 50 m are good, those which possess diameter of 5 to 30 m are more desirable.

[0011] Room temperature of inorganic fiber of this invention, preferably furthermore as for thetensile strength in 1200 °C,

ましくは2. OGPa 以上であることが望ましい。本発明の無機繊維は、高い強度を有し、室温より1200℃までの温度範囲ではその強度はほとんど温度依存性を示さないことから、例えば、セラミックスの強化用繊維や高温炉の断熱材等として特に有用である。

【0012】本発明の無機繊維は、Ln、A及びOから構成される溶融液を回転ロールに接触させて冷却し、細線状に凝固させて製造されるLn、A、及びOから構成される繊維を700~1700℃で加熱することにより製造される。700~1700℃での加熱前の繊維(以下、中間繊維と配す)は、特願平9-353270号に記載された方法によって製造される。以下、その方法について詳細に説明する。

【0013】溶融前の原料としては、一般的にはLnの酸化物及びAの酸化物が用いられるが、溶融したときに酸化物になるものであれば良く、水酸化物、炭酸塩等を用いても良い。原料の形態としては、粉体、成形体、焼結体、凝固体のいずれでも良く、また、これらの二つ以上が組み合わさったものでも良い。

【0014】前記の原料の溶融方法は、少なくとも該原料の回転ロールに接触する部分をその融点以上の温度に加熱することが可能な方法であればいかなる方法でも良く、加熱源として、例えば、アーク、レーザー、電子・高周波等を用いることができる。とができる。とり高波を用いる場合は、該原料が室温近傍においてほんと導電性を有さないために、導電性を有しかつ該原名の融点より高い融点を有する坩堝に該原料を収容するの場合は、Mo、W、Ta、Ir、Nb等の坩堝がある。例えば、Mo、W、Ta、Ir、Nb等の坩堝がある。例えば、Mo、W、Ta、Ir、Nb等の坩堝がある場合は上記坩堝に加えて、水などによって冷したの場合は上記坩堝に加えて、水などによって冷声を使用することもできる。原料が粉体である場合以外でもこれらの坩堝や支持台等を好適に使用することができる。

【0015】原料の溶解は、大気中、不活性ガス中、還元性ガス中、炭化水素ガス中、真空中などいかなる雰囲気中で行われても良いが、原料の融点以下の温度において酸化されやすい坩堝等を用いる場合は、アルゴンガスやヘリウムガスなどの不活性ガス雰囲気中または真空中などで溶解を行うことが好ましい。また、アークにより

it is desirable to be a 1.5 GPa or greater and a preferably 2.0 GPa or greater. inorganic fiber of this invention has high strength, with temperature range to 1200 °Cas for strength especially it is useful from room temperature from factthat for most part temperature dependence is not shown, as reinforcement fiber of the for example ceramic and insulation etc of high temperature furnace.

[0012] Inorganic fiber of this invention, contacting roll, cools molten liquid which isformed from Ln, A and O, clotting does in the fine line and is produced by heating fiber which is formed from theLn, A, and O which are produced with the 700 to 1700 °C. fiber (Below, intermediate filament you inscribe.) before heating with 700 to 1700 °C is produced by methodwhich is stated in Japan Patent Application Hei 9-353270 number. You explain in detail below, concerning method.

[0013] As starting material before melting, generally it can use oxide of theLn and oxide of A, but when melting, if it issomething which becomes oxide, to be good, making use of hydroxide and carbonate etc it is good. As form of starting material, it is good with whichever of powder, the molded article, sinter and coagulant, in addition, these two or more unite and aregood being something which is brought together.

[0014] If dissolving method of aforementioned starting materia l is method whoseit is possible to heat portion which at least contacts roll of the said starting material to temperature of melting point or higher, it is good any method, it can usethe for example arc, laser, electron beam, light, infrared light and high frequency etc asthe heat source. When high frequency is used, said starting material because for most part i doesnot possess electrical conductivity in room temperature vicinity, electrical conductivity it is necessary toaccommodate said starting material in crucible which possesses high melting point from themelting point of possessing and said starting material. It can use for ideal for example Mo,W,Ta,Ir,Nb or other crucible. In addition, when starting material is powder, a description above the crucible of material and it is necessary to use support table, but in this case it can also use crucible and support table etc of Cu makewhich administers cooling in addition to above-mentioned crucible, with water etc. When starting material is powder, these crucible and support table etc can be used for ideal at in addition to.

[0015] Melting starting material is good being done, in atmosp here, in inert gas, inthe reductive gas, in hydrocarbon gas and in vacuum middle class whatever atmosphere, but when crucible etc which oxidation is easy to be done is used inthe temperature of melting point or lower of starting material, it is desirable to melt at in orvacuum middle class argon gas and helium gas or

原料を溶解する場合は、アークが発生するに十分なアル ゴンガス等が雰囲気中に含まれている必要がある。

【0016】回転ロールの材質には特に制限はないが、熱伝導率が大きいものや高融点金属などがロールの寿命や得られる繊維の品質の安定性の点で好ましい。具体的には、Cu、Cu合金、Mo、Ta、W、Ir等を好適に使用することができる。回転ロールと溶融液との接触は、例えば、溶融液に回転ロールの先端を回転接触させる、あるいは回転ロール上に溶融液を落下させるなどのいずれの態様でも良い。ただし、回転ロールの形状とものいずれの態様でも良い。ただし、回転ロールの形状といては、その先端が溶融液と小さい面積で接触することが可能なものが、得られる繊維の断面形状を均一にするのに都合が良く、例えば図1に示すように、先端にV字型の突起を有する回転ロールを好適に使用することができる。

【0017】このような回転ロールを溶融液に接触させる際の回転ロールの周速度は10m/sec 以下であることが望ましい。周速度が10m/sec より速い場合は、断面積が一定の繊維を得ることが難しくなる場合があるためである。

【0018】本発明の中間繊維を製造する装置としては、例えば図2に示すような機構を有するものを使用することができる。W電極(1)と水冷を施されたCu製坩堝(2)の間に発生させたアーク(3)により溶解されたLn、A及びOから構成される溶融液(4)をCu製坩堝を横方向に移動させることにより矢印の方向に回転するロール(5)に接触させ、細線状に凝固させることで上記元素より構成される中間繊維(6)を得るものである。

【0019】中間繊維から本発明の無機繊維への転換は、中間繊維を700~1700℃で加熱することにより行われる。熱処理の温度、時間、昇降温速度等を適宜選択することにより目的とする無機繊維を得ることができる。中間繊維の加熱方法は、b数維を700~1700℃に加熱することが可能な方法であればいかなる方法でも良く、加熱源として、例えば、通電により発熱するSiC、MoSi₂などの発熱体、高周波、レーザー、電子ビーム、光、赤外線等を用いることができる。

[0020] 一般的には、 $Al_2O_3$ , SiC等のセラミックス、Mo, Ta, W, Ir, Nb等の高融点金属製の坩堝等に中間繊維を収容して、坩堝ごと加熱を行う、または、同様の素材からなるドラムに中間繊維を巻き取り、ドラムごと加熱を行うなどの方法が用いられる。

other inert gas atmosphere. In addition, when starting material is melted with arc, arc occurs has necessity for sufficient argor gas etc to be included in atmosphere.

[0016] There is not especially restriction in material of roll. Thing and high melting point metal etc where thermal conductivity is large are desirable in the lifetime of roll and poin of stability of quality of the fiber which is acquired. Concretely, Cu, Cu alloy and Mo, Ta, W, Ir etc can be used for ideal. Contact with roll and molten liquid end of roll turnscontacts for example molten liquid, or it is good or other any embodiment which molten liquidfalls on roll. However, as end molten liquid those whose it is possible with the small surface area to contact, are convenient in order to designate the cross section shape of fiber which is acquired as uniform as shape of the roll, shown in for example Figure 1, roll which possesses protrusion of the V-shape in end can be used for ideal.

[0017] This kind of roll case where it contacts molten liquid as: or theperimeter velocity of roll it is desirable to be below 10 m/sec. When perimeter velocity is faster than 10 m/sec, is because there are timeswhen it becomes difficult for cross-sectional area to obtain fixed fiber.

[0018] Those which possess kind of mechanism which is shown in for example Figure 2 asthe equipment which produces intermediate filament of this invention, can be used. It was melted by arc (3) which occurs between Cu make crucible (2)which is administered W electrode (1) and water cooling Ln, Contacting roll (5) which turns to direction of arrow molten liquid (4)being formed from A and O by moving Cu makecrucible to transverse direction, it is something which obtains intermediate filament (6) which from abovementioned element consists of thing which solidification is done in fine line.

[0019] Conversion to inorganic fiber of this invention is done f rom intermediate filament by heatingthe intermediate filament with 700 to 1700 °C. inorganic fiber which is made objective temperature of thermal processing, by selecting time and heating and cooling rate etc appropriately can be acquired. If heating method of intermediate filament is method whose it is possible to heatthe said fiber to 700 to 1700 °C, it is good any method, it can use SiC,MoSi2 or other heat emitter, the high frequency, laser, electron beam, light and infrared light etc which theheat emission are done as heat source, with for example electrification.

[0020] Generally, accommodating intermediate filament in Al2 O3, SiC or other ceramic and crucible etc ofthe Mo, Ta, W, Ir, Nt or other high melting point metallic, every crucible it heats, or, every windup and drum theor other method which heats can use intermediate filament for drum which consists of the similar

他にも、所定の温度に昇温された管状炉の炉内に繊維を連続して通す方法などを適用することもできる。また、より高い強度を有する繊維を得るためには、結晶が繊維方向に成長するように、中間繊維が繊維の片側から繊維方向に徐々に加熱を受けるような一方向加熱を行うこともできる。この場合の加熱処理は、上述のような管状炉の炉内に繊維を連続して通す方法によっても可能であるが、レーザー、電子ビーム、光、赤外線等を用いて、繊維又は被加熱部を繊維方向に移動させる方法を適用することもできる。

【0021】中間繊維の加熱処理は、大気中、不活性ガス中、還元性ガス中、炭化水素ガス中、真空中などいかなる雰囲気中で行われても良いが、用いられる坩堝、ドラム等の材質により制限を受ける場合がある。

#### [0022]

【実施例】以下、実施例及び比較例を示して本発明についてさらに具体的に説明する。|

#### 実施例1

原料にはα-AI<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>粉末とEr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>粉末を用いた 。 α-A 1<sub>2</sub> O<sub>3</sub> 粉末とE r<sub>2</sub> O<sub>3</sub> 粉末をモル比で前者 を81.1、後者を18.9の割合でエタノールを用い た湿式ボールミルによって混合し、得られたスラリーか らロータリーエバポレータを用いてエタノールを除去し た。得られた混合粉末をステンレス製のダイスを用いて 一軸プレスにより直径10mm、高さ10mmの円柱状に成 形し、次いでこの円柱状成形体をアークにより溶解しボ タン状の凝固体を得た。このボタン状凝固体を図2に示 す水冷を施した C u 製坩堝(2)に収容し、その後、図 2の機構が収容される系内を一O. O 4MPa のアルゴン ガス雰囲気にし、W電極とCu製坩堝の間にアークを発 生させた。アークによってボタン状凝固体を溶解し、こ の溶解状態を維持したまま、Cu製坩堝を移動させて、 2m/sec の周速度で回転する先端に30°のV字型突 起を有する直径70mmのCu製ロールに接触させ、平均 直径15μmの連続繊維を得た。次いで、この中間繊維 をAl,O3製の坩堝に収容し、MoSi2製の発熱体 が装着された箱型の電気炉を用いて空気中で加熱処理を 行った。1000℃/hrの速度で昇温し、1400℃で 2hr保持した後に降温し、平均直径14μmの連続繊維 を得た。得られた繊維は、Cu-Kα線を用いたX線回 折及び走査電子顕微鏡観察により、複数の100~15 OnmのEr<sub>3</sub> A I<sub>5</sub> O<sub>12</sub>相及び複数の100~150nm

material. In specified temperature continuing fiber inside furnace of tube furnace whichthe temperature rise is done is possible also fact that it applies method etc which it passes to in addition to. In addition, in order to obtain fiber which possesses a higherstrength, in order for crystal to grow in fiber direction, it ispossible also to do one direction kind of heating where intermediate filament from theone side of fiber gradually receives heating to fiber direction. It is possible also to apply method which moves fiber orsuffering heated part to fiber direction as for heat treatment in this case, continuing fiber inside furnace of tube furnace, an above-mentionedway it is possible but, making use of laser, electron beam, light andthe infrared light etc with method which it passes.

[0021] Heat treatment of intermediate filament is good being d one, in atmosphere, in inert gas, in reductive gas, in hydrocarbon gas and in vacuum middle class whateveratmosphere, but there are times when restriction is received with crucible and drum or other material which are used.

#### [0022]

[Working Example(s)] Below, showing Working Example and Comparative Example, furthermore you explain concretelyconcerning this invention.

### Working Example 1

- Al2O3 powder and Er2 O3 powder were used to starting ma terial. - Al2O3 powder and Er2 O3 powder former 81.1 and the latter were mixed with mole ratio with wet ball mill which uses ethanol at ratio of the 18.9, ethanol was removed making use of rotary evaporator from the slurry which is acquired. mixed powder which is acquired making use of die of thestainle steel it formed in cylinder of diameter 10 mm and height 10 mm with the single screw press, next it melted this cylinder molded article with arc and acquired coagulantof button. It accommodated in Cu make crucible (2) which administers water cooling which shows this button coagulant in Figure 2 after tha itdesignated inside of system where mechanism of Figure 2 is accommodated asthe argon gas atmosphere of - 0.04 MPa, generated arc between W electrode and theCu make crucible. I' melted button coagulant with arc, while this dissolved state is maintained, moving Cu make crucible, contacting Cu make roll of thediameter 70 mm which possesses V-shape protuberance of 30° in end which turns with perimeter velocity of 2 m/sec, it acquired continuous fiber of average diameter 15 m. Next, this intermediate filament was accommodated in crucible of Al2O3 make, theheat treatment was done in air making use of electric furnace of box shape wherethe heat emitter of MoSi2 make is mounted. temperature rise it did with rate of 1000 °C/hr, 2 hr after keeping, the cooling it did with 1400 °C,

### [0023] 実施例2

原料に $\alpha$ -Al $_2$ O $_3$  粉末とYb $_2$ O $_3$  粉末を用い、その混合比をモル比で前者を83.7、後者を16.3とした以外は実施例1と同様の方法で連続機維を得た。得られた繊維は実施例1と同様の分析により、複数の100~150 $_1$ mのYb $_2$ Al $_5$ O $_1$ 2相及び複数の100~150 $_1$ mのAl $_2$ O $_3$ 相から構成された結晶質であり、各々の結晶相が繊維中に均一に分散して存在していることがわかった。また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例1と同様にして行った結果を表1に示す。

### 【0024】 実施例3

原料に $\alpha$ -Al $_2$ O $_3$ 粉末とDy $_2$ O $_3$ 粉末を用い、その混合比をモル比で前者を789、後者を211とした以外は実施例1と同様の方法で連続繊維を得た。得られた繊維は実施例1と同様の分析により、複数の10O $\sim$ 15O $_1$ mのDy $_3$ Al $_5$ O $_1$ 2相及び複数の10O $\sim$ 15O $_1$ mのAl $_2$ O $_3$ 相から構成された結晶質であり、各々の結晶相が繊維中に均一に分散して存在していることがわかった。また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例1と同様にして行った結果を表1に示す。

# 【0025】実施例4

acquired continuous fiber of average diameter 14 m. fiber which is acquired, it was a crystalline which is formedfrom Er3 Al 5 O12 phase of 100 to 150 nm of plural and Al2O3 phase of the 100 to 150 nm of plural by X-ray diffraction and scanning electron microscope observation which usethe CuK-line, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and itunderstood that it exists. In addition, tensile test of this fiber, in case of room temperature when withthe condition of load rate 2 mm/min and span 25 mm, it is in air of 1000 °C and 1200 °C, it did with condition of load rate 2 mm/min and span 100 mm. mean value of tensile strength with room temperature, 1000 °C and 1200 °C whichwere measured is shown in Table 1.

## [0023] Working Example 2

In starting material proportion with mole ratio former other th an designating the 83.7 and the latter as 16.3, continuous fiber was acquired with themethod which is similar to Working Example 1 making use of - Al2O3 powder and the Yb2O3 powder. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Yb3 Al 5O12 phase of 100 to 150 nm of multiple and Al2O3 phase of the 100 to 150 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

### [0024] Working Example 3

In starting material proportion with mole ratio former other th an designating the 78.9 and the latter as 21.1, continuous fiber was acquired with themethod which is similar to Working Example 1 making use of - Al2O3 powder and the Dy2O3 powder. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Dy3 Al 5O12 phase of 100 to 150 nm of multiple and Al2O3 phase of the 100 to 150 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

#### [0025] Working Example 4

In starting material proportion with mole ratio former other th an designating the 82 and the latter as 18, continuous fiber was acquired with themethod which is similar to Working Example making use of - Al2O3 powder and the Y2O3 powder. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Y3 Al 5O12 phase of 150 to 200 nm of multiple and Al2O3 UP 00045128A Machine Translation

繊維中に均一に分散して存在していることがわかった。 また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例1と同様にして行っ た結果を表1に示す。

### 【0026】実施例5

原料に $\alpha - A \mid_2 O_3$  粉末と $G \mid_2 O_3$  粉末を用い、その混合比をモル比で前者を $7 \mid 8$ 、後者を $2 \mid_2 \in 1$ 、中間繊維の加熱処理温度を $1 \mid_3 \mid_3 \mid_3 \in 1$  と同様の方法で連続繊維を得た。得られた繊維は実施例  $1 \mid_3 \mid_3 \mid_3 \mid_3 \in 1$  を同様の分析により、複数の $1 \mid_2 \mid_3 \mid_3 \mid_3 \mid_3 \in 1$  の。構成された結晶質であり、各々の結晶相が繊維中に 均一に分散して存在していることがわかった。また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例  $1 \mid_3 \mid_3 \mid_3 \in 1$  に示す。

#### 【0027】実施例6

#### 【0028】実施例7

#### 【0029】実施例8

phase of the 150 to 200 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

### [0026] Working Example 5

In starting material proportion former 78 and the latter werede signated as 22 with mole ratio making use of - Al2O3 powder and the Gd2 O3 powder, other than designating heat treatment temperature of intermediate filament as 1300 °C, the continuous fiber was acquired with method which is similar to Working Example 1. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Gd Al O3 phase of 120 to 160 nm of multiple and Al2O3 phase of the 120 to 160 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

### [0027] Working Example 6

In starting material proportion with mole ratio former other th an designating the 69 and the latter as 31, continuous fiber was acquired with themethod which is similar to Working Example making use of - Al2O3 powder and the Sm2 O3 powder. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Sm lO3 phase of 120 to 160 nm of multiple and Al2O3 phase of the 12O to 160 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in same way as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

### [0028] Working Example 7

In starting material proportion former 77.5 and the latter were designated as 22.5 with mole ratio making use of - Al2O3 powder and theLa2 O3 powder, in addition other than designating perimeter velocity of roll asthe 1 m/sec, continuous fiber was acquired with method which is similar toth Working Example 5. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formedfrom La Al O3 phase of 120 to 160 nm of plural and Al2O3 phase of the 120 to 160 nm of plural by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

# [0029] Working Example 8

原料に $Cr_2O_3$  粉末と $Er_2O_3$  粉末を用い、その混 | 合比をモル比で前者を78、後者を22とした以外は実施例 1と同様の方法で連続繊維を得た。得られた繊維は実施例 1と同様の分析により、複数の  $150\sim200$  mの  $ErCrO_3$  相及び複数の  $150\sim200$  mの  $ErCrO_3$  相及び複数の  $150\sim200$  mの  $ErCrO_3$  相から構成された結晶質であり、各々の結晶相が繊維中に均一に分散して存在していることがわかった。また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例 1と同様にして行った結果を表 1に示す。 |

### 【0030】実施例9

原料に $Cr_2O_3$  粉末と $Gd_2O_3$  粉末を用い、その混り合比をモル比で前者を8O、後者を2Oとした以外は実施例1と同様の方法で連続繊維を得た。得られた繊維は実施例1と同様の分析により、複数の $15O\sim2OO$ mの $GdCrO_3$  相及び複数の $15O\sim2OO$ mの $Cr_2O_3$  相から構成された結晶質であり、各々の結晶相が繊維中に均一に分散して存在していることがわかった。また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例1と同様にして行った結果を表1に示す。

### 【0031】実施例10

原料に $Ga_2O_3$  粉末と $Gd_2O_3$  粉末を用い、その混|合比をモル比で前者を69.2、後者を30.8とした以外は実施例 1 と同様の方法で連続繊維を得た。得られた繊維は実施例 1 と同様の分析により、複数の  $150\sim20$  Ormの $Gd_3Ga_5O_{12}$ 相及び複数の  $150\sim20$  Ormの $Ga_2O_3$  相から構成された結晶質であり、各々の結晶相が繊維中に均一に分散して存在していることがわかった。また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例 1 と同様にして行った結果を表 1 に示す。

#### 【0032】比較例1

原料に $\alpha$ -Al $_2$ O $_3$ 粉末とZrO $_2$ 粉末を用い、その混合比をモル比で前者を62、後者を38とし、また回転ロールの周速度を0.5m/secにした以外は実施例 5と同様の方法で連続機維を得た。得られた機維は実施例 1と同様の分析により、複数の100~1500mmの 2rO $_2$ 相、複数の100~1000mmのAl $_2$ O $_3$ 相から構成されており、相対的に粗大な結晶相がロールの接触部分から放射線状に成長していることがわかった。

In starting material proportion with mole ratio former other th an designating the 78 and the latter as 22, continuous fiber was acquired with themethod which is similar to Working Example making use of Cr2O3 powder and the Er2O3 powder. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Er Cr O2 phase of 150 to 200 nm of multiple and Cr2O3 phase of the 150 to 200 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in same way as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

### [0030] Working Example 9

In starting material proportion with mole ratio former other th an designating the 80 and the latter as 20, continuous fiber was acquired with themethod which is similar to Working Example making use of Cr2O3 powder and the Gd2 O3 powder. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Gd Cr O phase of 150 to 200 nm of multiple and Cr2O3 phase of the 150 to 200 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

### [0031] Working Example 10

In starting material proportion with mole ratio former other th an designating the 69.2 and the latter as 30.8, continuous fiber was acquired with themethod which is similar to Working Example 1 making use of Ga 2 O3 powder and the Gd2 O3 powder. fiber which is acquired was crystalline which is formed from Gd3 Ga 5 O12 phase of 150 to 200 nm of multiple and Ga 2 O3 phase of the 150 to 200 nm of multiple by analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, each crystal phase dispersed to uniform in fiber and it understood that it exists. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

### [0032] Comparative Example 1

In starting material proportion former 62 and the latter werede signated as 38 with mole ratio making use of - Al2O3 powder and the ZrO2 powder, in addition other than designating perimeter velocity of roll asthe 0.5 m/sec , continuous fiber was acquired with method which is similar tothe Working Example fiber which is acquired was formed from ZrO2 phase of the 100 to 1500 nm of plural and Al2O3 phase of 100 to 1000 nm of plural bythe analysis which is similar to Working Example 1, i

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つまり、この繊維の組織は不均一であることがわかった。また、この繊維の引張試験を実施例1と同様にして行った結果を表1に示す。

understoodthat relatively coarse, large crystal phase from contacting portion of roll grows in theradiating wires. In other words, as for weave of this fiber it understood that it is a nonuniform. In addition, result of doing tensile test of this fiber in sameway as Working Example 1 is shown in Table 1.

[0033]

【表1】

[0033]

[Table 1]

	原料組成	ロール周速度	加熱処 理温度	平均 直径	引張強度 (GPa)		
		(m/s)	(°C)	(µn)	室温	1000℃	1200℃
実施例1	A1:0:/Br:0;	2	1400	14	2. 20	2. 23	2. 17
実施例 2	A1,0,/Yb,0,	2	1400	13	2. 13	2.15	2. 11
実施例 3	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2	1400	15	2. 11	2, 20	2. 15
実施例 4	A1:0:/Y:0:	2	1400	14	1.61	1. 65	1.61
実施例5	A1.0./Gd:0.	2	1300	11	2, 01	1. 99	1.95
実施例 6	A1:0:/Sm:0:	2	1300	12	1.89	1.89	1.83
実施例7	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	1	1300	9	1. 82	1. 72	1.68
実施例8	Cr202/Er202	2	1300	13	1. 97	1.77	1.58
実施例 9	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	2	1300	13	1.75	1. 69	1. 53
実施例10	Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2	1300	15	1.89	1. 67	1.51
比較例1	Al=0:/ZrO4	0. 5	1300	14	0. 68	0. 71	0. 33

#### [0034]

【発明の効果】本発明によれば、高温における耐酸化性が良好な酸化物であり、室温から高温までの引張強度が大きく、断熱材、フィルタ材又はプラスチック、金属、セラミックス、コンクリート等の強化材等その他広範な用途に好適に使用することができる無機繊維が提供される。

#### 【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】図1は、本発明の無機繊維の中間繊維の製造に 用いる回転ロールの形状の一例を示す図面である。

【図2】図2は、本発明の無機繊維の中間繊維の製造に 用いる装置の機構の一例を示す図面である。

# [0034]

[Effects of the Invention] According to this invention, it is a o xide where oxidation resistance in high temperature issatisfactory, tensile strength to high temperature is large from room temperature, inaddition inorganic fiber which such as insulation can be used for ideal in thebroad application, filter or plastic, metal, ceramic and concrete or other reinforcement is offered.

# [Brief Explanation of the Drawing(s)]

[Figure 1] Figure 1 is drawing which shows one example of geo etry of rollwhich is used for production of intermediate filament of inorganic fiber of the this invention.

[Figure 2] Figure 2 is drawing which shows one example of med anism of equipmentwhich is used for production of intermediate filament of inorganic fiber of the this invention. 【符号の説明】

1···W電極

2…Cu製坩堝

3…アーク

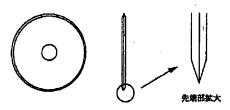
4…溶融液

5…ロール

6…中間繊維

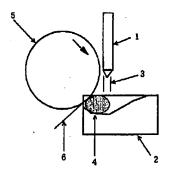
[図1]

图 1



[図2]

図 2



[Explanation of Reference Signs in Drawings]

1...W electrode

2... Cu make crucible

3... arc

4... molten liquid

5... roll

6... intermediate filament

[Figure 1]

[Figure 2]

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